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SUBJ: GOVERNMENT DISCHARGES CHIEF OF PETROLEUM DEPARTMENT
FOR NEGLIGENCE

REF: ACCRA 4973

1. LOCAL PRESS AND RADIO ANNOUNCED ON JUNE 22 THAT
GOG HAS RELIEVED MR. O.K. BONSU OF HIS DUTIES AS
CHIEF OF PETROLEUM DEPARTMENT OF GHANA SUPPLY
COMMISSION. NEGLIGENCE OF DUTY IN CONNECTION WITH
SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS FOR CARRIAGE OF CRUDE OIL TO
GHANA CITED AS THE REASON FOR BONSU'S DISMISSAL.

2. APPARENTLY IN CONCERT WITH BONSU'S DISCHARGE,
THE GHANAIAAN TIMES EDITORIAL WAS DEVOTED TO
JUSTIFICATION FOR PUNISHING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
WHO ARE NEGLIGENT. THE EDITORIAL SPECIFICALLY
STATES THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT DO ITSELF ANY GOOD
BY BEARING BLAME FOR THE SHORTCOMINGS OF PUBLIC
OFFICERS WHO NEGLECT THEIR DUTY. EDITORIAL RECOMMENDS
PUNISHMENT COMMENSURATE WITH THE HARDSHIP IMPOSED
ON THE PUBLIC.

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3. COMMENT: THIS MAY WELL BE A NEW TACK BY THE GOG
TO ATTEMPT TO SHIFT BLAME FOR PRESENT FALTERING
ECONOMIC PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT
SOMEWHAT DIFFERS FROM A JUNE 20 PRESS ACCOUNT IN
WHICH THE GOVERNMENT EXPLAINED LACK OF FUEL SUPPLY
AS RESULT OF THE FAILURE OF AN UNNAMED SHIPPING FIRM

TO DELIVER CRUDE OIL TO TEMA HARBOR ON SCHEDULE
(REFTEL). WE ARE NOT SANGUINE THAT SACKING OF MR.
BONSU WILL ALLEVIATE GROWING FUEL CRISIS.
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